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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND  
SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS WHO ARE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

1 WHEREAS, there are over five hundred serious pedestrian-  
2 related accidents annually in Hawaii with twenty to thirty  
3 resulting in fatalities; and  
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5 WHEREAS, pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired  
6 must take additional precautions when crossing streets,  
7 particularly due to their inability to see vehicles; and  
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9 WHEREAS, pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired  
10 often rely on their sense of hearing to determine when it is  
11 safe to cross a street; and  
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13 WHEREAS, electric and hybrid vehicles often make very  
14 little noise when driving at low speeds and pedestrians who are  
15 blind or visually impaired have complained that it is difficult  
16 to determine if an electric or hybrid vehicle nearby prevents  
17 the safe crossing of a street; now, therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,  
21 that the Department of Transportation is urged to promote driver  
22 awareness of pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired,  
23 including placing awareness posters in public facilities,  
24 purchasing radio and television advertisements, and installing  
25 street signs in areas of high pedestrian use, especially in  
26 areas of high use by individuals who are blind or visually  
27 impaired; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,  
31 Chair of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and  
32 Executive Director of the Disability and Communications Access  
33 Board.

